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TAGS: EAGR, EAID, EG.
SUBJ: PROMIT OPENING OF LETTERS OF CREDIT BY GOE UNDER
TITLE I, PL-480 PROGRAM; UNLOADING, HANDLING AND INLAND
TRANSPORTATION.

REF: STATE 167749.

1. DURING AUGUST 4 SIGNING OF AMENDMENT TO FY-1977 TITLE IN
PL-480 AGREEMENT, AMBASSADOR HANDED LETTER TO MINISTER TEWFIK
EXPRESSING USG CONCERN OVER (A) DELAYS IN OPENING OF LETTERS OF
CREDIT ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH COMMODITY AND FREIGHT SUPPLIERS AND (B)
PORT CONGESTION, UNLOADING AND HANDLING PROBLEMS IN EGYPT AS
THEY PERTAIN TO PL-480 GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

2. MINISTER TEWFIK REPEATED ASSURANCES GIVEN ON JULY 30 TO
COUNSELOH FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS BY DR. MIKAWI OF
MINSUPPLY CONCERNING BOTH MATTERS. HE STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS
HAVE BEEN MADE WITH NATIONAL BANK OF EGYPT TO INSURE PROMPT
OPENING OF LETTERS OF CREDIT AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THIS
SHOULD PREVENT FURTHER PROBLEMS. WITH RESPECT TO PORT CONGES-
TION AND RELATED PROBLEMS, TEWFIK RECOGNIZED THAT DIFFICULTIES
HAVE ARISEN IN PAST BUT INDICATED BELIEF THAT THEY CAN BE
HANDLED IN FUTURE BY BETTER COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT. HE
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SAID THAT RECENT BOTTLENECK IN AVAILABILITY OF TRUCKS TO MOVE
TITLE I WHEAT OUT OF PORT SAID WAS RESOLVED BY USING PRIVATE
TRUCKS OWNED BY FORMER MINISTER OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION
OSMAN AHMED OSMAN. TEWFIK STATED THAT OSMAN PROVIDED TRUCKS
NEEDED IN 24 HOURS FOLLOWING TELEPHONE REQUEST FROM MINISTER.

3. TWEFIK MENTIONED THAT HANDLING PROBLEM IN PORT SAID WAS

PARTLY RESULT OF FACT THAT MARINE SHIPPING CORPORATION (MSC) DID NOT HAVE ITS STORAGE FACILITY ON DOCK READY FOR USE. AGATTACHE, ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR, RESPONDED THAT SITE PROVIDED WAS TOO SOFT FOR CONSTRUCTION IN ORIGINAL STATE AND THAT MSC HAD BEEN FORCED TO USE WEIGHT OF WHEAT RECENTLY UNLOADED FROM SS YANXILAS TO COMPRESS IT. HE REPEATED MSC STATEMENT OF AUGUST 2 THAT STORAGE TANKS AHAD BEEN PURCHASED AND SHOULD BE ARRIVING PORT SAID ANY DAY, AND THAT CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS MSC COULD OBTAIN CEMENT NEEDED FOR FOUNDATIONS. DR. MIKAWI REPORTED THAT 250 TONS CEMENT WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO MSC ON AUGUST 3.

4. AMBASSADOR TOLD MINISTER TEWFIK THAT HE HAD ASKED MINWAR GENERAL GAMASSY AT RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DINNER IN ALEXANDRIA ABOUT POSSIBILITY USING MILITARY TRUCKS TO MOVE WHEAT FROM PORT IF NECESSARY. GAMASY HAD REPLIED THAT, IF ASKED, MILITARY WILL DO SO. TEWFIK SEEMED SURPRISED AND PLEASED.
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